

Mr. Eddy Devisse, President of the Kendo Federation of Trinidad and Tobago
Foreign Minister's Commendation Ceremony

On January 25, the Foreign Minister's Commendation ceremony for Mr. Eddy Devisse, President of the Kendo Federation of Trinidad and Tobago, was held at the Ambassador of Japan's residence.

Mr. Devisse was awarded this commendation for his efforts to promote Kendo martial arts in and outside of Trinidad and Tobago for over 15 years, and for contributing to the friendly relations and goodwill between Japan and the country.

The award ceremony was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Devisse, representatives of the Kendo Federation of Trinidad and Tobago. Tatsuo Hirayama, Ambassador of Japan said that he was impressed by their enthusiasm when he visited Kendo members' trainings as well as national tournament, which is nothing more than good guidance by Mr. Devisse . He also said that it is delightful that Kendo practice can be done from this week and he hopes that Mr. Devisse would continue to cooperate and strengthen bilateral relationship through this award.

Mr. Devisse said he was very honoured to receive such an award and that this award was conferred not only due to his own contribution, but also thanks to his teachers in Japan, the United States, and Canada. He also stated that it is most valuable to learn the Japanese spiritual value and to share it with its community through Kendo, and he would like to make further efforts to give the positive impact to many people through his activity.



Congratulatory address and greetings by Ambassador Hirayama



Remarks by Mr. Eddy Devisse, President of the Kendo Federation of Trinidad and Tobago and awarding the Foreign Minister's Commendation



Mr. Devisse presented Ambassador Hirayama with a token of appreciation (the wooden kendo sword)



Commemorative photo